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JUSTICE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Attorney General Bell announced that he has instructed the Civil Division of the Justice Department to pursue all feasible legal avenues in order to recover from entities which may have responsibilities the costs the US Government has incurred in regard to removal and processing of the bodies from Jonestown, Guyana. This is a complex legal matter requiring detailed fact finding and complex legal action. It is not the intention of the Justice Department to make unreasonable claims against next of kin. Pending the development of more detailed information on the assets associated in one way or another with the Jonestown community and with its residents, the specific organizations or estates against which claims might be made cannot be determined.